(c) whether Government have suggested any effective proposals to provide more work than the 100 days to these workers during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assessment regarding the availability of additional man-days in each area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the quinquennial sample surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, estimated workforce in the country was of the order of 39.7 crore. Out of these, almost 3 crore were those who had worked less than 183 days during the reference year.

(c) and (d) The approach to Tenth Plan focuses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the Tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of Tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Reduction in number of organised workers

†3044. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of workers has been reduced in the organized sector from 1999 till the end of 2002;

(b) if so, the percentage of reduction during the said period; and

(c) the details of such reduction in the public sector industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the Employment Market Information Programme of Directorate General of Employment and Training estimated employment in the organised sector which was of the order of 281.13 lakh as on March, 1999 has marginally gone down to 277.89 lakh in March, 2001 (latest available).

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(c) Estimated employment in the public sector has also marginally gone down from 194.15 lakh as on March, 1999 to 191.38 lakh as on March, 2001.

Number of workers

†3045. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the total number of workers in the country at the end of nineties;

(b) if so, the number of workers employed on regular wage basis and the number of those employed on casual wage basis out of the above; and

(c) the number of workers employed in public sector out of such regular and casual wage earners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the Sample Survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, estimated work-force in the country was of the order of 39.7 crore. 13.9% and 33.2% of the total workforce were engaged as regular salaried and casual workers respectively.

(c) As on March, 2000, out of a total employment of 27.96 crore in the organised sector, approximately 19.31 crore persons were employed in the public sector.

Reduction in number of workers in PSUs

†3046. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the decision of the public sector industries to reduce the number of workers;

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